

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together, wishing them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY HULTGREN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 194, I was unavoidably detained during the roll call vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "Aye."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. EUGENE B. HABECKER FOR HIS 11 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF TAYLOR UNIVERSITY

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Eugene Habecker on the occasion of his retirement. For the past eleven years Dr. Habecker has devoted his life to providing an exceptional educational experience to the students of Taylor University. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Dr. Habecker's dedication to the education of our country's future leaders.

Dr. Habecker demonstrated a lifetime passion for education, including his own. Before becoming the 30th President of Taylor University in 2005, he received a number of degrees. He is a proud Taylor University alumnus, receiving his bachelor's degree from Taylor University in 1968. He then went on to earn a master's degree from Ball State University in 1969, Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1981, J.D. from Temple University in 1974, a certificate from Harvard University in 1986, and several honorary degrees from numerous colleges and universities.

After earning an impressive number of degrees, he continued pursuing his passion for education. He held executive leadership positions at several educational institutions including George Fox University in Newberg, OR and Eastern University in St. Davids, PA. He served as President of Huntington College in Huntington, IN from 1981–1991, and was President and CEO of the American Bible Society from 1991–2005 before he returned to his alma mater to serve as President of Taylor University.

Taylor University, located in Upland, IN, was founded in 1846, making it one of the oldest evangelical Christian colleges in America. Throughout his tenure as President of Taylor University, Dr. Habecker has been instrumental in ensuring that Taylor's strong history as a university continued to flourish and grow. Under his leadership, Taylor University has been ranked the number one Midwest University in the category "Best Regional Colleges" by US. News & World Report for nine years

straight (2007 through 2016). He is also credited with raising \$180 million for operating, endowment, and capital projects. The funds raised have gone to many projects that have enhanced student life such as campus beautification projects, construction of new living centers, major upgrades to athletic facilities, and the establishment of international centers and a highly successful study abroad program. He also brings a group of students to the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. each year, recognizing the importance of young Christians participating in this historic annual breakfast designed to serve as a forum for political, social, and business leaders to create a dialogue and build relationships.

His wife, Marylou, who is also a 1968 graduate of Taylor, has been influential as well with her diverse and extensive work in campus ministries. Marylou and Dr. Habecker have a clear passion for education and love for Taylor University. The school is dedicated to living life together in a discipleship community, and Dr. Habecker and Marylou have been exceptional leaders in facilitating such an environment.

Due to his astounding leadership, Dr. Habecker was chosen to serve on several boards including the Christian Management Association, National Association of Evangelicals, and Council for Christian Colleges and Universities. Additionally, he was selected to serve on three international boards, most notably the United Bible Societies Global Board. Through his work with the United Bible Societies Global Board and through Taylor University, Dr. Habecker and Marylou have traveled extensively, both nationally and globally. The primary focus of their travels has been promoting and educating others on how to be a successful leader in Christian education.

Dr. Habecker's astonishing commitment to higher education in Indiana and success as a leader has not gone unnoticed. He was awarded the Christian Management Award from the Christian Management Association (1989), Distinguished Alumni Citation from Huntington College (1989), Life Enrichment Award from the Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science (1996), Layperson of the Year Award from the National Association of Evangelicals (1999), and finally, his own Taylor University selected him as the 1998 Distinguished Alumnus for Professional Achievement.

Dr. Habecker made a remarkable impression on the lives of his students, faculty, and the Taylor University community. He and Marylou have left a legacy of success at Taylor that will be built upon for decades to come. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I'd like to congratulate Dr. Habecker on his noteworthy career and extend a huge thank you for all the wonderful contributions he has made to the Hoosier community. I wish the very best to Dr. Habecker, Marylou, their three children, and seven grandchildren as he enjoys a well-deserved retirement.

HONORING SARAH CONROY ON BEING ACCEPTED BY THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FUTURE PHYSICIANS AND MEDICAL SCIENTISTS AS A DELEGATE TO THE CONGRESS OF FUTURE MEDICAL LEADERS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sarah Conroy, of Ozark, Missouri, who has been accepted by the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists as a delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders.

The Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an honors-only program that is designed to motivate and direct the top students in the United States. It is specifically for students who aspire to be physicians or enter into the field of medical research, and helps to provide a path and mentorship for students to accomplish those dreams. It takes place at the University of Massachusetts over 3 days, and helps to spark meaningful dialogues and exchanges of ideas between future leaders in the medical field.

To be considered for acceptance as a delegate, applicants must be recommended by either a teacher or member of the Academy based on a proven track record of academic excellence. Students must have a minimum of a 3.5 GPA and represent all 50 states and Puerto Rico. It is an incredibly selective opportunity, and those students who qualify for selection have done so because of their hard work and diligence to their studies, not to mention their impressive intellect.

Mr. Speaker, Sarah Conroy, who attends Ozark High School, has shown a true passion for anatomy, biology and health science. Moreover, Sarah has excelled in her academics and will no doubt make Missouri proud as one of our delegates. I would like to extend my personal congratulations for her achievement, and on behalf of the 7th District of Missouri, I would like to thank her for representing our district.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for votes on Monday, May 16, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on roll call votes 194 and 195.

HONORING BOXING BEAR BREWING COMPANY

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor